

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated March 29, 2007 (the "Office Action").

Claims 1-27, 35-38 and 40 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-8, 15-20, 37-38, and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,633,846 issued to Bennett et al. ("Bennett") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,054,819 issued to Loveland ("Loveland").

Claims 6,¹ 9-11, 35, and 36 stand rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett in view of Loveland and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,915,001 issued to Uppaluru ("Uppaluru").

Claims 12 and 13 stand rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett in view of Loveland and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,724,864 issued to Denenberg et al. ("Denenberg").

Claim 14 stands rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett in view of Loveland, further in view of Denenberg, and further in view of Uppaluru.

Claims 21-27² stand rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uppaluru in view of Loveland.

The above amendments add no new matter. Support for the amendments may be found, for example on p. 22 of the Application as originally filed.

¹ Applicant notes a clerical error on p. 2 of the Office Action, which indicates that claim 6 stands rejected over Bennett and Loveland. As set forth in the arguments on p. 5 of the Office Action, the rejection of claim 6 also depends on Uppaluru.

² Applicant notes a clerical error on p. 15 of the Office Action, which indicates that claims 21-27 stand rejected over Bennett. As set forth in the arguments on pp. 15-19 of the Office Action, the rejections of these claims depends on Uppaluru and Loveland.

Rejections Under § 103(a)

Applicant respectfully submits that, as amended, the pending claims are allowable under § 103(a) because the cited portions of the references fail to disclose various limitations of the claims. For example, independent claim 1 as amended is directed to a method that includes:

providing feedback data corresponding to data retrieved from the accessed domain in a verbal format, wherein the providing the feedback data comprises: performing a text-to-speech conversion on retrieved data to generate audio data; and interspersing the audio data with waveform data of prompts to generate a verbalized system response.

Applicant respectfully submits that these limitations are not taught or fairly suggested by the cited portions of the references. At least for this reason, independent claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom are allowable under § 103(a). At least for similar reasons, independent claims 15, 21, 38, and 40 and all claims dependent therefrom are also allowable under § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. The undersigned also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission be charged to deposit account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,



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